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CHOCOLATES

BIG FIGHT LOOMS INSIDE ASF

— By PAUL DEAN —

A first-rate dogfight is looming within the ASF over the delicate question of who should represent the organisation at the October FIFA Congress in Mexico.

The secretary, Ian McAndrew, should be an automatic choice but the question is who will accompany him?

And knowing the gigantic degree of uncertainty, ignorance and personal rivalry within the ASF, one must wonder whether it's worth sending any delegation at all?

At last Sunday's ASF National Team Subcommittee meeting held in Sydney, doubts were expressed whether Sir William Walkley, the ASF president would be a good choice.

Some States feel, though they are too careful to say it openly, that Sir William is not familiar enough with the current problems of Australian soccer and the changing world picture to undertake such a task.

The States will no doubt turn the final decision into the usual parochial issue.

There is a behind the scenes move to depart from tradition which demands that only ASF Executive members travel to FIFA Congresses.

Final decision in the matter will be made at the next ASF Executive meeting on August 31, in Sydney.

The same meeting will be asked to solve the deadlock over a proposed New Zealand tour by Australia at the end of the 1968 season.

Last Sunday's meeting in Sydney voted 2-2 over the proposal — with the NSW delegates opposed to such a tour.

If they have their way, the oft-repeated "national team policy" will receive yet another nasty, though absolutely not surprising shock.

WORLD CUP

Australia's forthcoming World Cup commitments were also discussed at the meeting.

The Subcommittee decided to recommend to the Executive the following preferences for the World Cup elimination round procedures:

1. The tournament to be held in Israel; 2. to be held in Japan; 3. matches to be staged on a home-and-away basis.

The ASF is firmly against the idea of organising the series in Australia because of the financial risk involved (see FIFA's view on the matter on page 2).

The August 31 meeting promises to be one of the stormiest in ASF history.

But even a storm is no guarantee that this malformed, undernourished and probably moribund organisation will achieve anything positive



Although he left the field at halftime, Ricardo Campana is not surrendering to Tony Edwards in this action shot from last week's APIA-Melita Eagles (2-0) match. Campana is heading the ball away from his eager youthful opponent, while referee Henkelman watches in the background.

NERVOUS HOME RUN

Barring a series of total collapses, the semifinal race has finally been further reduced to five contestants.

Last Sunday saw a tense Croatia bow out of the race, largely helped by the almost immaculate display of their rivals, Prague.

The two leaders, Pan Hellenic and Hakoah continue to turn in hair-raisingly shaky displays confirming the theory that from now on having better nerves will match the importance of having better defences.

Pan Hellenic's big moment of truth will unfold this Sunday at Wentworth Park where an anticipated full house will witness their struggle against APIA, their traditional nemesis.

The same day Hakoah will take on Polonia in a match equally vital for both.

Prague have a slightly easier task when they line up against a Melita that

have obviously thrown in the towel.

All the other matches will excite only the usual camp followers, as they will not have any bearing on the burning issues.

Manly will try to upset South Coast just for the hell of it while Yugal will pray that if their own forwards can't score goals, at least a couple of Canterbury defenders may commit the

same harakiri St. George did last week.

Croatia, now sadly resigned for the second time in four weeks to the inevitable — that they will miss the semifinals — will take on St. George, having

their worst trot since 1960.

The only interest in this match could be the scheduled appearance of the two latest St. George recruits from Argentina.

— Paul Dean

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY						NEXT OPPONENT * HOME MATCH					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Pan Hellenic	19	13	3	3	34	14	29	10	8	1	1	19	7	17	9	5	2	2	15	7	12	APIA*		
Hakoah	19	12	5	2	37	16	29	9	7	1	1	20	8	15	10	5	4	1	17	18	14	Polonia		
APIA	19	9	7	3	31	22	25	9	5	3	1	14	8	13	10	4	4	2	16	14	12	Pan Hellenic		
Prague	19	10	3	6	34	23	23	9	7	1	1	17	3	15	10	3	2	5	17	20	8	Melita Eagles		
Polonia	19	9	5	5	29	20	23	10	4	3	3	14	13	11	9	5	2	2	15	7	12	Hakoah*		
Yugal	19	8	4	7	26	29	20	10	3	4	3	11	14	10	9	5	—	4	15	15	10	Canterbury*		
Croatia	19	8	3	8	28	31	19	9	4	2	3	13	12	10	10	4	1	5	15	19	9	St. George*		
South Coast	19	5	5	9	30	26	15	9	5	—	4	25	14	10	10	4	1	5	5	5	12	5	Manly	
St. George	19	4	6	9	15	23	14	11	2	4	5	9	17	8	8	2	2	4	6	6	6	Croatia		
Canterbury	19	4	5	10	26	49	13	9	2	3	4	10	19	7	10	2	2	6	16	30	6	Yugal		
Melita Eagles	19	3	6	10	17	30	12	9	—	5	4	11	17	5	10	3	1	6	6	13	7	Prague*		
Manly	19	1	4	14	19	43	6	11	—	1	10	7	25	1	8	1	3	4	12	18	5	South Coast*		

READERS' LETTERS

F.I.F.A. explains

As usual, I read your paper with interest and in particular your leading article entitled "FIFA letter hints: We'll play the World Cup ties in Israel".

However, on reading this article I feel it is absolutely necessary to straighten out this muddle so as to avoid any misunderstanding and to ensure that your readers receive the full and correct information.

In the first part of your article under the title "not informed", where you quote part of FIFA's letter signed by Mr. Courte, assistant secretary who is in charge of the public relations and press divisions, you unfortunately omitted a very important sentence.

You quote "So far only the FA of Israel have communicated their agreement to stage such a tournament" but you left out the most important part of the letter which reads as follows:

"...and Australia informed FIFA of the impossibility of organising the tournament in Australia.

"No answer has been received so far from Japan. Just for the record, we would like to mention that New Zealand communicated their willingness to participate in a tournament, marking the following preference for venues: a) Australia b.) Japan c.) Israel. The same communication was received from Rhodesia giving the following preference: a.) Japan b.) Australia c.) Israel."

(We did omit part of Mr. Courte's long letter including this section quoted above. However, some weeks ago in another article we have already referred to the fact that the ASF regarded the staging of the tournament in Australia an "impossibility". — Editor.)

With regard to the second part of your article where you quote Mr. McAndrew's comments, I would like to say the following.

As Mr. Courte stated in his letter, I can hardly believe that Mr. McAndrew could have said that we had received "official information."

It is quite true that I had a conversation with Mr. Koe Ewe Teik (secretary of the Asian Football Confederation and drafter of the so-called McAndrew Plan) in Dubrovnik and that I said I was interested in at least knowing unofficially the proposals worked out in Seoul.

This unofficial information was received on July 2 and Mr. Koe Ewe Teik, in his own handwriting, wrote "no action is to be taken — for information only, Koe Ewe Teik, 21st June, 1968."

In the accompanying letter he emphasises again that "no action is therefore to be taken unless you hear further jointly from the Asian Football Confederation and the Oceania Football Confederation."

I told Mr. Koe Ewe Teik that as far as I myself was concerned I found the joint "proposal" very reasonable and would discuss the proposed scheme with Sir Stanley Rous when next he visited Zurich.

The meaning of this personal information was that even ideas which were not officially submitted to FIFA would be studied.

In the second part of my letter of July 4, I was referring to a completely different matter, namely to the request that preliminary talks should take place within the Confederations before the groupings and I mentioned that as all the continental areas were represented in the World Cup Organising Committee, these representatives and the Confederations concerned should discuss the grouping problems together beforehand, as has been done in the other areas and this was the matter to which I intended giving an official answer after having discussed it with Sir Stanley.

Moreover, during the Dubrovnik conversations, it was contemplated that if the national Associations concerned did not submit to FIFA a firm counter-proposal before the date of the FIFA Congress, then a meeting of all the national Associations concerned would have to be convened in Guadalajara (Mexico) so as to settle the problem.

(You will remember that the national Associations concerned were requested to inform FIFA by May 31, 1968 as to whether the tournament would be played in Australia, Japan or Israel.)

However, as no final proposal has been received it seems that FIFA will have to take the initiative, as mentioned before, but this does not imply that the Seoul Agreement was sent to FIFA "officially", it was merely sent for information purposes.

Mr. Courte's letter therefore expresses my own personal opinion that the Seoul Agreement was not sent to FIFA for any action to be taken upon it.

I do admit that perhaps Mr. McAndrew could have given my letter a more extensive interpretation than I intended.

I hope that this will clarify the situation and I remain yours sincerely,

Dr. H. Kaser,
FIFA General Secretary,
Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr. Kaser's letter reveals quite a few interesting facts.

While we still believe that the McAndrew-Plan, drawn up at Seoul, was basically a good one, it is clear now that it was administratively mishandled.

It is puzzling, to say the least, why Koe Ewe Teik decided to "water down" the Seoul Agreement by writing on top of his letter to FIFA that "no action is to be taken".

It is also evident that Ian McAndrew misunderstood the essence and spirit of a letter from Dr. Kaser.

To sum up what Dr. Kaser so correctly describes as a "muddle" — once again the ASF's lack of international experience resulted in confusion and embarrassment.

However, there is still some hope left to straighten out everything at the FIFA Congress, held just before the Mexico City Olympic Games in October.

But to do that two factors are vital:

1. Australia should go there with a very firm, very clear and very acceptable proposition.
2. Australia should be represented by people who understand the problems involved.

— PAUL DEAN

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

You can take it from us: the top two players in Queensland, Australian internationals Ross Kelly and Ray Richards will play in Sydney next season. Kelly, from Azzurri, played in goal in the Adelaide international against Japan and

WILLY SCHROIF, the Czechoslovakian international, until recently keeping goal for Slavia Melbourne, has signed on for FK Vienna which have been relegated to the Austrian Second Division.

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BRUCE MORROW, former APIA and Auburn star, and now Wallsend's player-coach, was recently presented with a daughter, Lisa Maree. Probably worthwhile compensation for Wallsend's lowly eighth place on the Northern table.

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Country soccer promotion is now moving like wildfire. ILLAWARRA will take four coachloads of juniors and supporters to Armidale, Tamworth and Gunnedah on

Hungarian S.O.S.

A last-minute bid may be made to save struggling State League champions and Australia Cup winners Melbourne Hungaria from the ignominy of relegation.

Early this week Melbourne-HSC sent out an SOS signal to their sister club, St. George-Budapest.

As a result, St. George are willing to lend Melbourne one or two key players for the rest of the 1968 season.

Although no decision has been made at press time, the names of Cliss, Schaefer and Fernandez have been mentioned.

Surprisingly enough, Melbourne officials have discovered that a loophole in the regulations makes such 11th hour transfer still possible.

Less surprisingly, St. George-Budapest have asked for a return favor from Melbourne — that of re-opening negotiations for Attila Abonyi after the season.

Earlier this year relations between the two clubs got so bitter a point over Abonyi that Melbourne threatened to denounce St. George with the ASF over the "poaching" of the player.

Since then both fell on lean times: St. George are having a disastrous season. Abonyi has lost all his sparkle and Melbourne are fighting for their life.

If an agreement can be reached between the clubs, the player lend-lease may start this weekend.

Whichever player St. George can persuade to join Melbourne, he is likely to stay in Sydney and fly down only for the matches.

It's quite another matter whether any such assistance will be of any value to the desperate Hungaria.

St. George themselves are in no end of trouble and neither Fernandez, Schaefer or Cliss are anywhere near the form that could dramatically change the fortune of any team.

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August 25 for the State Country finals. The Coasters, who already have been to Canberra this year, will be joined in the North by other winners of the Southern NSW v. Western NSW play-offs in all grades.

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FRED FALZON, former Victorian State fullback, has arrived in Adelaide from Sydney and is shopping for a club. He has already trained with WA-Hellas and Adelaide Juventus but is bidding his time before deciding on a club.

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APIA's reserve goalie, DAVID McQUIRE, announced his engagement last Saturday night to Lorraine Wells. They plan to get married in October 1969.

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On August 16, 17 and 18, the SPORTS MEDICAL FOUNDATION will hold a series of lectures and demonstrations at the Prince Alfred Hospital. One of the lecturers will be the eminent physical educationist, Prof. Cureton. For further details contact Harry Preece or Bill Vrolyks of the Coaches Federation.

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St. George keeper, FRANK HAFFEY, has now changed his mind about returning to Scotland and is likely to sign on for another two years.

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JOCK AIRD, Lane Cove United's player-coach left last week for a trip to his native Scotland. He was replaced by Bill Bell, who will coach the side for the rest of the season.

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JACK SHEEHAN, who has been associated with Granville for the last 20 years as an executive member, died last week.

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GORDON SHRUBSOLE, Sutherland's righthalf was injured last weekend (a broken blood vessel), and is not expected to be back for three or four weeks.

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GEORGE JAMIESON, Bankstown's captain and right fullback, is out of the side with a broken hand.

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At Mona Park, AUBURN scored 27 goals in the three grade fixtures against NS-Inter without reply. They won 9-0, 13-0 and 5-0.

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The crack LUGARNO-PEAKHURST under-11 "A" team won the St. George District competition without tasting defeat. They scored 133 goals and only conceded six. Their highest score this season was a 21-0 win. Coached by Cyril Heness, many of the Lugarno-Peakhurst whiz-kids have been playing soccer since the age of five.

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Richards, Hollandia's ace goalscorer, toured Asia with the 1967 Australian team. We have it from a very reliable source that both players will join the same Sydney club in a transfer deal involving at least \$10,000.

Last week in a story on THE AUSTRALIAN's soccer coverage we mistakenly referred to its editor as the man who proposed the toast on behalf of the Press Corps at this year's annual Press Dinner. This was done by the editor of the "Mirror". Our apology.

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NICK BONELLO is likely to return to the Melita Eagles committee next season and is tipped to stand again for election to the secretaryship.

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APIA, now run by a 20-man committee and "patronised" by the Social Club, are toying with the idea of engaging a fulltime coach and a fulltime manager for next season.

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The NSW system of amateur soccer organisation has moved to Western Australia. The WESTRALIAN AMATEUR SOCCER LEAGUE has been formed, and will perform a similar function to the NSW Amateur Association.

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Despite strong rumors to the contrary, St. George's ace forward, DAVE CLISS, is almost certain to stay with the club. Cliss said he had no intention of leaving — provided his request for a new and undoubtedly better contract was met. We think it will be.

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The canteen at WOONONA OVAL last Sunday took in a record \$600 from thirsty and hungry fans. Keen local observers estimate at least 4,000 of the 6,326 spectators were Pan Hellenic fans who made the trip from Sydney to see their team retain its lead in the competition.

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Prague secretary, GEORGE WARNER, and coach JOE VENGLOS this week strongly denied that Venglos is keen to leave the club. "Venglos is staying with us," Warner said. "We know he has been approached by other clubs but he has turned them down."

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Thistle's centre-half, A. MILLER, announced his engagement last week. Wedding bells should ring in December.

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More than 200 people turned out at the Banksia Rooms at Bankstown Square last Saturday night at a PARTY to celebrate the engagement of Joyce Sammut and John Barclay. Miss Sammut is the eldest daughter of Sam Sammut, Melita Eagles' team-manager. Amongst the guests was the Melita and Australian coach, Joe Vlasits, and his wife.

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London Letter

HOTSPURS WON'T BE THE SAME ANY MORE

— From LESLIE PAGE —

The brave bulging white-shirted chest, the bravado, the wonderful spirit of Dave Mackay did not grace the opening Saturday of the English Football League program last Saturday in a Division One game.

It was a break, almost, with tradition: Dave lined-up with Derby County, who finished the last campaign in 17th spot in Division Two and have not enjoyed senior League soccer on their Baseball Ground for some 15 years.

The March of Time finally caught up with Mackay, the spiky Scot with a heart of gold.

At 33, Mackay had to give way to younger legs, although he reckons he still has, at least, two years of good soccer in him and has signed a contract for that length of time with Derby County manager, Brian Clough.

When Bill Nicholson took over Tottenham Hotspur in 1959, Mackay was his first signing.

The fee, £28,000, is not remarkable in these times, but was substantial enough then.

Heart of Midlothian, from Scotland, were the outfit which pocketed the cash and now they wanted Dave back before Derby stepped in with their offer.

They hoped that he would play a season or so, then take over as manager.

But it was not to be. Clough will allow Mackay to continue living in London and train in Derby from Tuesday to Thursday.

Always generous towards long time-serving players, Spurs took only £15,000 for the exchange contract as the player who turned in 22 Scottish international appearances shifted to the North Midlands.

The break-up of the great Tottenham side of the early 1960s is, thus, nearly complete.

Mackay was a member of the team which achieved the "double" of FA Cup and League Championship in 1961, the FA Cup again in 1962 and 1967 and the European Cupwinners' Cup in 1963.

"IRON MAN"

Dave Mackay overcame many obstacles to remain one of the toughest characters in the game.

He broke his leg at the peak of his career and, attempting to make a come-back with the reserves before stepping back to the seniors, he broke the same bone again.

Some said he would never play again. But they did not know this man who roared his way through matches like a tank in battle.

He took it and he dished it out. When Derby County visit London this season there will be many to make a sentimental journey to see the "Iron Man" in action just for old time sake.

Clinching and significant remark associated with the Mackay transfer was the comment by manager, Nicholson, when he said:

"There used to be a time when a good soccerman could go on in Division One football until he was 34, 35, 36 and even 37."

"It is not the case today.

"The game is too fast and the knocks increase. Soccer is a young man's game now."

Another Spurs player likely to be on the move in the near future is Cliff Jones, the wandering Welsh winger, who likes nothing better than

to finish a mazy dribble by running full pelt into the area and blasting goalwards.

He is a snatcher of goals with his head and any club who gets his signature on a contract even in his declining years, could improve their record out of all recognition.

Sir Stanley Matthews, coaching in Canada, has slipped away from the general-management of Port Vale, the club fined by the Football League for illegal player payments.

Sir Stanley resigned some months ago, but the news only broke as the players reassembled for the new term.

He will still perform duties for the club in an honorary capacity, but his official appointment is over.

The happenings at Stamford Bridge, home of Division One Chelsea, must be a positive pointer for the future.

So far, the rest of the football world has failed to fathom it all out.

If the action there means anything at all, it is certain

that there are a lot of sporting folk who like to see soccer in comfort and, also, to bring guests along with them.

CHELSEA'S SCHEME

Chelsea announced they were allocating a limited number of plushy boxes at their ground to customers willing to hand over £500 for the season.

This sum is to include free car parking, drinks and snacks at all times and waiter service.

The first client, anxious to be with the in-set, arrived at Stamford Bridge at nine in the morning, waving a cheque to clinch the deal.

Chelsea's trouble was to keep the big spenders at bay.

All the boxes are spoken for and more are in demand.

The era of the cloth cap has surely disappeared for ever, although it doesn't pay to ignore the feelings of the weekly turnstile payer.

LET'S BRIGHTEN UP CRICKET!

— By PAUL DEAN —



"Wot zis bloddy kriket needs iz a new image."

Cricket, that wonderful, morale-boosting summer fun, that perpetual motion and non-stop excitement, is in trouble.

Why, I can't imagine. Everyone is trying to find the cure and some of the greatest brains of our era, here and overseas, are prostate with worry.

A Sydney newspaper recently published the dismal financial record of our leading cricket clubs.

Some had a "gate taking" of only \$10 or \$20 for the whole of the past season and openly wonder just how long they can carry on.

Allow me to help. I feel I have all the qualifications that seem necessary: I know precious little about the game and thus can boast of an absolutely open mind.

First of all, if cricket is to attract crowds, it must rapidly shed its unhappy image.

To start with, they should change their district names to foreign ones.

As they don't seem to draw the local populace even in their hundreds under such plain, non-descript names as Cumberland, Mosman and Sutherland, they should try Pan Romana, Herzegovina or Transylvania in order to attract the vast, untapped migrant populations.

It would warm your heart to see a Lebanese family of six occupying a prime position behind a wicket or perhaps a bunch of Bjelo-Russian bachelors spreading out their picnic baskets on the green and slowly humming melancholic Slavic folksongs.

Spectators of foreign origin should be encouraged to take an active part in the proceedings.

It would help if some Pan Romana fans could be persuaded to invade the field and, in a moment of temporary insanity, tear up the wicket.

Others could perhaps be talked into wresting the bat out of the hands of a batsman and brandishing it in front of the umpire.

Instead of the traditional shouts of "well bowled, sir" spectators could try an occasional "chuck his head off" or "go for his guts", maybe a "butcher" now and then.

Instead of the tedious all-white outfits, players should begin wearing colored jerseys with stripes and hoops.

It would also help if they could import a few big-name stars from Greece, Austria or Norway.

Whether they can play cricket or not wouldn't really matter; they could be placed as fieldsmen somewhere near the boundary, out of sight.

As most of these chaps spend hours standing still anyway, nobody would notice whether the imports stand the right or wrong way.

I would also suggest that those in power approach some of our soccer players for help.

Patrinos would make an ideal 12th man, Halpin would be excellent at silly mid-on while Campana should certainly be at slips.

Instead of taking tea, the players could be served with Liebfraumilch, Ouzo, Chianti or Hungarian Bull's Blood to stir them into more action.

Because it's action that's needed. A few cheer squads wouldn't go amiss and it would be lovely to see an occasional brawl on the Hill.

All this mightn't be cricket. But boy, wouldn't it be fun ...

NSW JUNIORS OFF TO NZ NEXT WEEK

The NSW amateur under-16 team will leave Sydney Airport for its tour of New Zealand's South Island on Thursday, August 22, at 11 a.m.

The team was selected after the most widespread trial series in the code's history.

Matches between representative teams were held in Orange, Gunnedah, Gosford, Sydney and Illawarra before the team was finalised.

The tour will be a strenuous one, but the State players will certainly revel in the tight schedule.

The last similar tour was in 1960, and that one helped development of such players as Jim Sambrook (APIA) Phil Carr and John Nuell (South Coast United).

TOP RATING

There is no question that with amateur players the tour rates higher than the national championship for under-16s in Melbourne early next month.

The full NSW team is V. Knaus, S. Hoszowski (South. Dists.), J. Woods (Gladesville), P. Holmes (Sutherland), G. Jennings (Manly), P. White (Norths), P. Howell (St. George), K. Edmonds (Wests), J. Stewart, G. Masters, G. Winchester, T. Bradford, R. Hickson (Illawarra), P. Wheaton (Armidale), T. Cook (Orange), K. Tapp and K. Leahy (Macquarie).

AUST. CUP FINAL ON OCTOBER 13

As we announced exclusively in our August 2 issue, the Australia Cup will be extended until October.

The Australia Cup sub-committee decided in Melbourne last weekend that no matches would be played prior to August 31.

The remaining quarter-finals in the Western group (Azzurri-Perth v. Juventus Melbourne and the all-Victorian Croatia v. Hakoah) will be played as a double-header either on Thursday, September 26 (Show Day holiday in Melbourne), or under floodlights on the evening of Wednesday, September 25.

The home-and-away semifinals involving the Sydney semifinalists, Hakoah and Prague, and the Western group quarterfinal winners will be played at the completion of the State competitions — on September 29 and October 6.

The final will be played on October 13 and 20 if teams from different States are involved.

Three stands

With the help of Parramatta City Council, the club has already acquired adjoining land and negotiations are in progress to acquire more.

The Council has already completed a new brick and chain wire fence on the Alfred Street side of Macarthur Park and will soon start building a new en-

trance gate together with a new brick kiosk-canteen to match.

New seating inside the park for about 1,500 people has just been finished and eventually grand-stands on three sides of the ground will be built including one over the present dressing rooms.

The closure of the road — already effected — on the railway line side coupled with land already acquired will provide parking facilities for thousands of cars.

To start on the right foot Ron Simmonds, the club president, has made \$5,000 available to the club as a loan to meet its commitments to players and to tidy up any small debts.

With the Second Division reserve and senior finals set down to be played at Macarthur Park in the four weekends in September, work on the improvements has started some time ago and most facilities will be completed for these occasions.

However, when all the planned face-lift is completed, the Granville home ground will become the best soccer stadium in the "West" — if not in Sydney.

He said that the facilities provided will also be of great benefit to the local juniors who in the last two years have shown a record growth.

"In keeping with the club's policy in fostering the juniors we are in constant consultation with Bert Packer, president of the Granville Junior Soccer Association on every aspect of the development now taking place," he added.

— Charles Spiteri

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS
AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Canterbury

0 (0)

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 4, Raeburn 3; Stripelis 2 (injured — left field 60th min.), Taylor 3 (Hood 2), Galbraith 3; Anthanasiou 2, Hardy 2, Hewitt 2, Kauz 2, Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 29

Coach: H. Nimaus.

Match rating: * * * *

Polonia staged a startling reversal of form to hammer in five goals which utterly demoralized a ragged and surprisingly meek Canterbury. Polonia, playing their best football of the season, fully deserved their big win. Though they never enjoyed a marked territorial advantage, they exploited every chance intelligently. Unbeatable in defence, they ran hot in attack for the first time this year and could even have scored more had Demopoulos not saved a Krawiarz penalty and had Povey not been continuously off-side. Canterbury, on top in the first 20 minutes, folded up after Polonia's paralyzing three-goal burst before the interval. In the second half they only went through the motions, without the slightest conviction.

Crowd: 1,380.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— LOU GAUTIER

Polonia

5 (3)

Kulak 30 and 55 mins., Swoboda 40 and 42 mins., Krawiarz 68 min.

Frazer 4; Filok 4, Skiba 4; Calphy 4, Dzialach 5, Komoder 4; Povey 3, Minol 3, Kulak 4, Krawiarz 5, Swoboda 4.

TOTAL: 44

Coach: J. Horinek.

Match rating: * * *

After a very dull first half, the match came to life with a fast, entertaining second half. Practically nothing happened for the first half, but with the second half only three minutes old, a fine run by Walsh enabled substitute Spilarewicz to open the score. Hakoah took firm control from then on, Watkiss crashing home a splendid header to seal the match. Straight from the kick-off Watkiss — the best man on the field — almost scored again, but it was Manly who scored the only other goal of the match when Hughes profited from Hakoah's only defensive lapse of the game to reduce the leeway in the 73rd minute. At no time did Manly look like pinching a point, Hakoah always taking charge despite an unimpressive first half.

Crowd: 1,049.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— EDDIE EVANS

Hakoah

2 (0)

Spilarewicz 48 min., Watkiss 63 min.

Fuzes 3; Fekete 3, Hillsdon 3; Watkiss 5, Marnoch 4, D. Yaager 4; Edmunds 2 (Spilarewicz 2), Walsh 4, Barnett 3, Baartz 3, Jones 2.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: D. Holden

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Referee: A. Faraone.

— EDDIE EVANS

Manly

1 (0)

Hughes 73 min.

Tuinman 3; Brooks 3, Brown 3; Jones 2, Campbell 4, Stocks 3; Nutt 3, McGrath 2, Hendry 3, Jagger 2, Waller 2 (Hughes 2).

TOTAL: 30

Coach: D. Adrigan

Match rating: * * *

After inching their way into the "first four" rather unimpressively, APIA seem to have struck form at the right time and if they can maintain the tenacity they showed against Melita Eagles they may yet be the best prospect for the Grand Final. Due to the blustery conditions both sides had difficulty in controlling the ball, yet Hughes and Bottalico dominated the midfield with great skill for APIA. Well supported by Van Blerk and Ackerley, they constantly fed their forwards with long through passes that kept Melita on the defensive for long periods. The midfield role of Di Lonardo has also strengthened their defence, even if it has somewhat weakened the forward line.

Crowd: 2,341.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— CHARLES SPITERI

APIA

2 (0)

Campbell 49 and 78 mins.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4; Hughes 5, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; McKinnon 3, Campana 3 (Giacometti 3), Di Lonardo 3, Campbell 4, Blue 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: A. Iglesias

Match rating: * * *

Pan Hellenic were lucky to leave Woonona with two points. After being presented with two gift goals their play deteriorated and only poor finishing by the South Coast forwards saved them from possible defeat. South Coast dominated play in the later stages of the match and forced the visitors to defend desperately. Hignett, under tremendous pressure, scored through his own goal and from then on South Coast launched wave after wave of attacks. Loukanidis showed his class as a defender at this time and held his defence together superbly. McGarry and Anderson were tireless workers for United but their efforts were wasted for want of finish up front.

Crowd: 6,326.

Referee: N. Jones.

— LEN SIMMONS

Melita E.

0 (0)

Eaton 4; Hunter 3, De Bruin 4; Edwards 5, Woods 3, Hewlett 3; Quested 3, Nemet 2, Thorne 2, Goldie 3, Brennan 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: J. Vlasits

Match rating: * * *

Prague provided all the action — and the good football — in this entertaining match. Their win was never in doubt though they had to wait for 40 minutes before they found the net. Prague played eye-catching, fluid soccer which would have yielded more goals with better finishing. Supreme in midfield, Prague always had the disappointing Croatia's measure. Croatia were strangely shaky and nervous. They never came out of their defensive shell and only scored a late "consolation" goal when the over-confident Prague defence blundered for the first and only time of the match.

Crowd: 3,226.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

South Coast

1 (0)

Hignett 82 min. (own goal).

Ramage 4; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 3, Strachan 2, Carr 3, Davies 3 (Paterson 3); Beattie 3, Anderson 4, Tolson 4, McGarry 4, Alston 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: J. Kelly

Match rating: * * *

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Crowd: 1,698.

Referee: J. Stiff.

— KEITH GILMOUR

P. Hellenic

2 (1)

Blitz 30 min., Smith 51 min.

Clarke 4; Johnston 3, Hignett 3; McCulloch 3, Cole 4 (injured), Westwater 3; Blitz 4, Smith 4, Loukanidis 4, Karyannis 2, Patrinos 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: W. Tamandl

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Crowd: 3,226.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Prague

3 (1)

Scheinflug 40 and 50 mins., Gauto 80 min.

King 3; Harcombe 4, Traeey 4; Blacker 3, Zeman 4, Blanco 5; R. Manuel 4, G. Manuel 3, Scheinflug 5, Hoggart 4, Gauto 4.

TOTAL: 43

Coach: J. Venglos

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Crowd: 3,226.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Croatia

1 (0)

Giles 89 min.

Corry 3; Lincoln 3, Sloan 4; Woods 3, Shepherd 4, Page 4; Guerrero 2, Wright 3, R. Cush 2, Reynolds 2, Giles 3.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: W. Vrolyks

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Crowd: 1,698.

Referee: J. Stiff.

— KEITH GILMOUR

St. George

0 (0)

Scheinflug 35 min. (own goal), Cliss 55 min. (own goal).

Haffey 3; Nuttall 3, Hillary 3; Schaefer 4 (Giovanni 3), Cox 3, Bird 3; Harris 2, Cliss 4, Warren 4, Fernandez 4, McCue 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Polgar

Match rating: * * *

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Referee: J. Stiff.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Yugal

2 (1)

Schaefer 35 min. (own goal), Cliss 55 min. (own goal).

Ljubic 4; Pacanin 4, Crnich 4; Kresinger 3, Banicevic 4, Rafanelli 4; J. Alagich 3, M. Alagich 3, Halpin 2, Edwards 3, Volar 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Match rating: * * *

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Referee: J. Stiff.

— KEITH GILMOUR

COACHES COMMENT

Herbert Nimaus: "We largely beat ourselves through shocking defensive lapses. We had plenty of the ball, but gave up the chase after Stripelis' second half injury."

Joe Horinek: "Those vital goals have come at last! It was a pleasure to see how intelligently Polonia played to instructions. The five goals will act as a terrific tonic."

Doug Holden: "We never looked like losing as we were the only team in it for 90 minutes. If we hadn't hit the woodwork on four occasions, the score would have reflected our superiority better."

Denes Adrigan: "If goalie Tuinman hadn't been blinded by the sun, Watkiss would never have scored and we would have held Hakoah to a draw."

Adauto Iglesias: "Melita played a tough game and made it very hard for APIA to score, but there's no doubt we were by far the better side even if we managed to score only twice."

BIG CHANCE FOR EX-KING TO ACT AS KING-MAKER

—By LOU GAUTIER—

The steadily improving and powerful APIA machine could throw a painful spanner in the works and derail Pan Hellenic on their way to their first ever championship.

We don't know whether their clash on Sunday will produce football good enough to satisfy the purists.

But we will be surprised if the importance of the match, the expected record crowd and the whole atmosphere doesn't provide fans with a really memorable occasion.

The weekend's menu:

Manly v. South Coast

South Coast have a second to none chance here to end their depressing run of outs in Sydney by renewing with success away from home.

Manly, now "officially" relegated, will undoubtedly put up a spirited fight as always, but guts alone may not be enough.

They still haven't won at home this year and their defence may be hard pressed to keep McGarry, Tolson and Alston at bay, despite this latter trio's recent goal-drought.

United appear solid enough in defence to keep a clean slate to win.

Yugal v. Canterbury

Their bubble having burst with a bang last weekend, Canterbury may suffer a let-down on Saturday against the ever unpredictable Yugal.

Yugal appear the stronger in defence, especially in midfield where they can call on more talented ball players than the Berris to get the ball up to their forwards.

Canterbury's form against Polonia was too bad to be true.

Against Yugal their forwards will probably give an improved display, but may find the Yugal defence hard to penetrate.

We fancy Yugal's chances in a very open match which could easily go the other way if Canterbury field a more balanced side than the lop-sided XI they sent out against Polonia.

Pan Hellenic v. APIA

The biggest crowd of the season — certainly in the vicinity of 17,000 spectators, weather permitting — will be at Wentworth Park for what can be tagged the "match of the season."

Excited as they may be at the thought of winning their first-ever championship, Pan Hellenic cannot count their chickens before they are hatched.

APIA, the retiring champions, though resigned to the prospect of relinquishing their crown, won't give in without a fight and on Sunday will be determined to prove they are still a major force to be reckoned with.

APIA certainly have what it takes to deal their rivals' premiership hopes a death blow.

APIA have played themselves into form, with young Campbell turning in his best-ever displays of late, while Pan Hellenic, despite their exalted position on the ladder, have not been over-impressive in recent weeks.

APIA's more forceful forwards should swing the match their way, but anything could happen as we've found out whenever Sydney's top drawcards clash.

Melita Eagles v. Prague

Prague returned to their best form with a delightful display against Croatia last Sunday while Melita's depressing impotency in attack was again evident against APIA.

It's hard to see the youthful Eagles giving Prague's defence many problems at Mona Park.

The onus for a respectable result is clearly on the Melita defence, which always performs creditably at home though the team still has to win there.

If Prague can repeat the fluid, intelligent football which outclassed Croatia, the result should be a foregone conclusion.

In soccer, however, nothing is plain black and white, especially where the Prague forward-line is concerned as they have frittered away so many valuable points this season

CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 16,020.

Average per match: 2,666.

Attendance after 19 rounds: 343,372.

Weekly average attendance: 18,072.

REFEREES

Manly v. SCU — A.R. Brown; Yugal v. Canterbury — M. Buchanan; Melita Eagles v. Prague — G. Naylor; Pan Hellenic v. APIA — A. Boskovic; Polonia v. Hakoah — K. Lockrey; Croatia v. St. George — N. Campbell.

LEADING SCORERS

Baartz (Hakoah)	11
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic)	11
Alston (SCU)	10
Cliss (St. George)	9
R. Cus (Croatia)	9
Edwards (Yugal)	9
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	9
McGarry (SCU)	9
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8
Kulak (Polonia)	8
G. Manuel (Prague)	8

ROUND 21

Polonia v. Hakoah

Hakoah is an ideal opponent for Polonia to confirm their goal-scoring orgy of last week.

The score is very much up to Prague. If their forwards are on target, they should win comfortably. Otherwise they may have to be satisfied with a narrow victory.

Croatia v. St. George

Saints really touched rock-bottom last weekend while a strangely passive Croatia lost their last semi-final chance.

This match generates little interest and will probably attract only a handful of hardy fans.

St. George's return to even a semblance of the form which was theirs last season has still to materialise and now seems unlikely this year.

Croatia appear the likeliest to make amends for last weekend's fiasco.

Better organised in defence, they can at least rely

on twin spearheads Reynolds and Giles to infuse some life into their attack.

St. George have now reached the stage where a victory against any opponent must rate as a surprise.

They have not won any type of game for six weeks.

Prague are separated from the magic 700 goal mark in First Division by only two goals — in their present form they could reach the target.

In the first round 1-0 for Prague.

Polonia v. Hakoah

0-6-3

Two thirds of their encounters in the past ended in draws and Polonia have yet to down Hakoah in a championship match.

While Hakoah are still struggling in the doldrums, Polonia are having yet another fine run which has given them three wins and two draws in their last five games.

In the first round 0-0 for APIA.

Pan Hellenic v. APIA

3-2-10

Pan Hellenic's last win against their old rivals was in 1965; since then they have suffered five consecutive championship defeats.

APIA have so far won a total of 148 matches in First Division soccer — this could take them one step closer to the 150 mark.

In the first round 1-0 for APIA.

Manly v. SCU 1-0-0

Manly's only win of the season was against the provincials, at Woonona, so they have some reason to be confident.

Here we have one of those odd situations again where Manly have not yet won at home and South Coast have not been successful away.

In the first round 2-1 for Manly.

Croatia v. St. George

1-3-7

The only time Croatia managed to beat the Saints was this year in the first round, inflicting the heaviest defeat of the season on the fallen heroes of yesterday.

With three rounds to go, it is questionable whether St. George can get out of the mess and at least chalk up its very long overdue 100th win in First Division.

In the first round 4-1 for Croatia.

MANLY

TUINMAN
McGRATH
BROOKS
JONES
CAMPBELL
STOCKS
NUTT
MALONEY
HENDRY
JAGGER
WALLER

SOUTH COAST

RAMAGE
BARNES
CUTHBERT
KERR
CARR
DAVIES
BEATTIE
ANDERSON
TOLSON
MCGARRY
ALSTON

YUGAL

LUJIC
PACANIN
CRNICH
KRESINGER
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
M. ALAGICH
HALPIN
EDWARDS
VOLAR

CANTERBURY

DEMOPoulos
HARDY
AKERS
GALBRAITH
WHITEHEAD
ROMANOS
HILLHOUSE
HEWITT
HOOD
KAUZ
PAXINOS

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
DE BRUIN
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WOODS
DUFFY
QUESTED
SMITH
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GOLDIE
BRENNAN

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
BLANCO
R. MANUEL
G. MANUEL
SCHEINFUGL
HOGGART
GAUTO

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
McCULLOCH
MALLARD
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BLITZ
SMITH
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KARYANNIS
PATRINOS

APIA

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BLUE

POLONIA

FRASER
FILOK
SKIBA
CALPHY
DZIALACH
KOMODER
POVEY
MINOL
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
SWOBODA

HAKOAH

FUZES
FEKETE
HILLSDON
WAHL
MARNOCH
D. YAAGER
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WATKISS
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BAARTZ
JONES

CROATIA

CORRY
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GILES

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HAFFEY
NUTTALL
HILLARY
SCHAFFER
COX
BIRD
HARRIS
CLISS
WARREN
FERNANDEZ
McCUE

TEAM OF THE WEEK

CLARKE
(Pan Hellenic)

VAN BLERK
(APIA)

WATKISS
(Hakoah)

ANDERSON
(SCU)

BLITZ
(Pan Hellenic)

DZIALACH
(Polonia)

BLANCO
(Prague)

KRAWIARZ
(Polonia)

SWOBODA
(Polonia)

SCHEINFUGL
(Prague)

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION		APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Manly	St. Coast	Manly
APIA	●	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	5-1		1-3	2-0	1-0		
St. George	1-1	●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	
Croatia	1-1		●	0-3	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-2	3-1		1-0	2-0	
Pan Hellenic	1-0	2-1	●	0-0	3-0	1-4	1-0	4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1		
Hakoah	1-2		3-0	2-0	●	3-1	4-3	0-0		2-0	3-1	2-1	
Canterbury	1-4			1-1	1-2	●	1-1	0-5	0-3	2-1	1-1	3-1	
Prague	0-1	1-0	3-1		1-0	6-0	●	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1		
Polonia	1-3	0-0	1-0	1-3		2-1	2-2	●	3-1	1-2	1-1	2-0	
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3	0-4	1-1		1-0	1-1	●	0-1	1-1	3-3	
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2										



ROUND THE WORLD

More freedom for Czechs

The new liberalisation in Czechoslovakia has also affected soccer. It was officially announced in Prague that semi-professionalism will be instituted this year, paving the way for full professionalism — as in Yugoslavia — in 1970. Players will also be allowed to transfer abroad freely. It is rumored that internationals Mraz and Pospichal will be the first to avail themselves of their new-found freedom. Mraz is keen to join Holland's ADO and Pospichal is already negotiating with the Swiss Lausanne Sports.

USA's best

The Americans have selected their best "team" from foreign players operating in the States. It reads: Stojanovic (Yugoslav, Oakland), Scott (English, Oakland), Cocking (Jamaican, Atlanta), Huttel (Danish, Washington), Crisp (English, San Diego), Primo (Israeli, Baltimore), Mitic (Yugoslav, Oakland), Frankiewicz (Polish, St. Louis), Fernandez (Uruguayan, San Diego), Barber (Irish, Kansas City), Komalik (Polish, Chicago). Notable omissions are Spaniard Mateos (Cleveland), Dutchman Prins (New York), Brazilian Vava (San Diego), Englishmen Standen (Detroit) and Viollet (Baltimore), and Casa, Washington's Argentinian.

Arce almost out

Aston Villa's Argentinian Oscar Arce was almost the first man to be sent off in the new season when the referee severely cautioned him in the friendly match against Southern Leaguers Bedford who surprisingly beat Villa 2-0. Two years ago Arce was all set to join APIA in Sydney.

American League keeps growing

Despite enormous teething problems, the North American Professional League has made quite an impact, so much so that seven more US cities have applied to join the competition next year: Miami, Denver, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Milwaukee. The Mexicans, too, are reported interested in entering a team to make it a truly representative North American competition.



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Branko Stankovic, the Yugoslav national team coach, is the man who will replace Hungarian Csaknadi at AEK Athens. The Greek club offered a fabulous three-year contract which will earn him an estimated \$25,000 a year. Bobek (Partizan Belgrade) is tipped to replace Stankovic as national team manager Mitic's offside.

● Hungarian 16th round results: Vasas v. Györ 2-1; MTK v. Ferencvaros 0-0; Diósgyör v. Dunaujvaros 1-2; Csepel v. Ujpest 1-1; Honvéd v. Egyetertes 3-2; Pecs v. SBTC 4-0; Videoton v. Szeged 1-0; Tata Banya v. Szombathely 1-0. — Vasas 25 points, Ujpest, Honvéd 23-23, Ferencvaros 22.

● The French junior national team ended their four-match New Caledonian tour with a 2-1 win over their island counterparts in Noumea. Three days earlier they whitewashed an inland territory XI 7-1.

● It's now official: French professional teams will be allowed to carry advertising on their shirts this season. Most large firms will take turns to advertise their products.

● Algeria and Tunisia will clash in their African World Cup elimination sub-group towards the end of December, first in Algiers, then in Tunis.

● Sweden held the Soviet Union to a 2-2 draw at Goteborg last week.

● Italy will field a team at the 1972 Olympics. FA president, Artemio Franchi, said Italy would field fully-fledged amateurs, not semi-professionals like in 1964 when they were forced to withdraw when charges of professionalism had been substantiated.

● Because of many national team commitments, there will be no Asian "All-Stars" in 1969. In previous years a selection of Asia's best players spent six weeks together touring various Asian countries and playing against European club sides to gain further experience.

● Odense Boldklub, the Danish First Division club, will play in the Far East at the end of the year. Their tour will take in Iran, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong.

● Amarildo, the 29-year-old Brazilian star plans to return home after a six-year stay in Italy.

● Hansi Horvat, a member of Austria's legendary "Wundermannschaft" of the 1920s, died in Vienna under tragic circumstances. The 65-year-old former star's body was found in the Danube.

● The Bulgarian championship kicks off this weekend. The biggest transfer of the off-season involved the top international goalscorer, Jekov, who moved to CSKA Red Banner.

● Fenerbahce, the Turkish champions, are preparing their first round European Cup clash, with Manchester City, in the USA. They will play four matches there this month before flying to England.

● Czechoslovakia has a new national team manager. He is Bufka, who coached Linz when they won the Austrian "double" in 1966. Bufka replaces Marko.

● Before the start of the English league season Arsenal were beaten 3-2 in Germany by Alemannia Aachen.

● England fullback, Cohen, missed the start of the English season last weekend. The Fulham fullback underwent a cartilage operation during the off-season, but expects to resume this week. He is Fulham's trump card to regain First Division status.

● Having staved off relegation by winning a play-off, OFK Belgrade have renewed the contracts of star players Sekularac and Milutinovic.

● Top Soviet teams Dynamo Moscow and Dynamo Kiev, were eliminated in the third round of the Russian Cup. Dynamo lost 1-2 against Alma-Ata's Kairat and Kiev were beaten 1-0 by Chakhter.

● Spartak Moscow last week became the first Russian club team to play a match in West Berlin. Their opponents were the newly-promoted Bundesliga team, Hertha Berlin.

● Women's soccer is also well organised in Italy where a national competition has now reached the halfway mark. Bologna are the current leaders, ahead of AC Milan, Pilastro, Juventus and Varese.

● There will be two Duklas in the Czechoslovakian First Division this season: Dukla Prague and the lesser known, freshly promoted Dukla Banska Bystrica, from Slovakia.

● Fortuna Kolin, the regional West German club, have signed a Guinean international, Cherif Souleyman — the first colored African in German soccer.

● Though Sheffield United finished third last in the English First Division last year, and barely missed relegation, they showed a huge profit of almost \$250,000 for the 1967-68 season.

● Four of the First Division coaches in Portugal this coming season will be foreigners: Vieira (Guimaraes), Tellechea (CUF), Gloria (Benfica) and Zuvia (Belenenses). Vieira and Gloria are Brazilian, Tellechea Argentinian and Zuvia is Spanish.

● Russian soccer was 70 years old last month. An organised, national competition, however, only exists since 1934.

● To stop the flow of players headed abroad, the Austrian FA has placed a ban on internationals under the age of 28 leaving the country.

● Dunfermline have not agreed to Apoel Cyprus' request to play both their first round European Cup-Winners' Cup matches in Scotland. The ties will be played in Scotland in September and in Cyprus on October 2. Dunfermline reinforced themselves during the off-season by signing Falkirk winger, Cowan and St. Mirren halfback, Willie Renton.

Aussies not invited

The Saigon Tournament may not be held this year. It could be replaced by a Thai-sponsored international tournament. Called the King's Cup Tournament, the series is open to all Asian countries. Invitations have already been sent out to 12 Asian associations, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, South Vietnam, South Korea and Japan. The tournament will be held from November 20 to December 2. So far the Australian Federation has received no invitation to send the Australian team, winner of the 1967 Saigon Tournament, to Bangkok.

No Hope for Rangers

Despite a \$185,000 bid, Rangers failed to sign inside-forward Bobby Hope from West Bromwich Albion. Hope, who toured Australia with the Scottish XI in 1967, wants out from Albion, but the English club are bidding their time, confident they will get an even bigger offer from another club and set a British record when Hope eventually leaves them.

FIFA squad sixty-strong

Sixty players have been pre-selected for the gala Brazil v. FIFA XI match in Rio de Janeiro on November 6 to mark the tenth anniversary of Brazil's 1958 World Cup victory. They are: Bosquier, Gondet, Herbin (France); Van Himst (Belgium); Asparoukhov (Bulgaria); Adamek, Viktor (Czechoslovakia); Ball, Banks, Bobby Charlton, Moore, Wilson (England); Beckenbauer, Schnellinger (West Germany); Vogel (East Germany); Albert, Bene, Farkas, Szucs (Hungary); Domenghini, Facchetti, Mazzola, Rivera (Italy); Johnstone, Law, Lennox (Scotland); Best (Northern Ireland); Augusto, Eusebio, Simoes (Portugal); Pircalab (Rumania); Amancio, Ruiz (Spain); Metreveli, Chesternev, Yashin (USSR); Dzajic, Fazlagic, Osim, Durkovic (Yugoslavia); Chumpitaz (Peru); Quintano, Reinoso (Chile); Mazurkiewicz, Montero Castillo, Rocha, Villar (Uruguay); Albrecht, Bernao, Buttizze, Cocco, Madeiro, Mabernat, Onega, Mas, Marzolini, Perfumo, Rendo, Silva, Veron (Argentina).

Colombians face investigation

The Colombian Olympic team may be barred from competing at Mexico. This follows a statement from the Colombian FA that they intended to make no distinctions between professional and amateur players and would select the country's best players for the Olympic finals. FIFA is now investigating.

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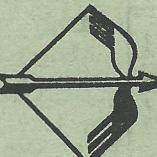
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Cook's tour of Melbourne

ASTON GETS GLIMPSE OF OUR CRANKY FANS

— From BOB LOW —

Ken Aston, the internationally famous referee who has recently finished his lecture tour in Melbourne, saw the Polonia v. Alexander match at Olympic Park last Saturday and on the following day at the same venue watched the Croatia v. George Cross match.

In the Sunday match referee Roger Lamb gave an almost faultless display watched by nearly 40 local whistlers and, of course, Ken Aston.

As soon as the final whistle went at the end of the Alexander v. Polonia game, an ugly fracas developed among a few players of each side and many punches were thrown.

It spread to the enclosure among the fans and referee Radulovic was the target for abuse as he made his way to the dressing rooms.

Nick McCallum, the George centre-forward who grabbed both his goals

against Croatia now leads the State League scorers with 14 goals to his credit, one ahead of Jim Armstrong of Hakoah.

COOK OUT

Two slants on two cartilage victims.

Jim Malloy, the Juventus forward who has been out of action for some time, had an operation and has been back in training for some time, is almost ready to challenge for a place in the struggling Juventus side. Billy Cook who missed the last half dozen matches through the same trouble

has had his operation and the stitches have been removed. The Slavia pivot will miss the club's remaining games.

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Despite the fact that four rounds of the league have still to be played which will be followed by the Dockerty Cup and on top of this three clubs, Croatia, Hakoah and Juventus still have an interest in the "forgotten" Australia Cup, soccer in Victoria needs a good long rest to help bring back the crowds in 1969.

YOUNG BRIGADE

One of the most impressive of the younger brigade in State League soccer this season has been Rino Balerini who has made several first team appearances for Juventus. Only 19 years of age, Rino is a product of the Juventus juniors.

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How much does it cost to try and save a team from relegation? JUST, who have brought three top class players from Yugoslavia late this season, should know.

Few would care to hazard a guess on the cost to the club. But one thing is certain: the trio didn't come here for peanuts.

Of course, the club earlier in the year transferred ace wing half Frank Micic to Hellas for a reported fee of \$7,000 which should go a long way to covering the expenses.

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One of the most remarkable scoring achievements of the 1968 season must be the 6-2 win by Slavia over Alexander recently. Why? For the simple reason that the Port Melbourne side have never really been a scoring machine and they scored twice as many goals in that game as they had done in their last five matches.

RIFT BETWEEN COACH AND STAR

The rift between Juventus coach, Mario Corti, and SA captain, Nilo Rusalen, reached a climax when Rusalen announced his retirement last week.

Rusalen, who led the young SA team against Cardiff City said, "Corti must hate centre-halves because he has been on my back ever since the Cardiff game."

"I am not the only centre-half he has 'murdered.'

"I can think of Syd Rossetto, Arnold Jennings and Melbourne Juventus captain Closs, who all fell under Corti's coaching."

Rusalen joined Juventus in 1957.

He was loaned to Sydney Pan Hellenic for two years and played for Adelaide Polonia for one season.

Rusalen said, "I love Juventus and would do anything for them, play in the reserves, or sit on the bench, but I will not be pushed around by Corti."

Juventus chairman, Guido Voivodich, said: "Rusalen's criticisms of Corti are hard to understand as it was chiefly at Corti's suggestion that Rusalen was brought back to Juventus from Polonia."

"In view of the attitude shown by Rusalen the committee is not sorry to lose the services of a player who has shown such poor sportsmanship," added Voivodich.

— Allan Crisp

Croatia accused

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Clear two-point leaders in the race for the 1968 State League title with only four rounds left to be played, Croatia have been put on the spot through accusations and allegations by English non-league side Gloucester City who claim the Victorian club "committed irregularities" in regard to the signing of two of their players.

It has been alleged by the English club that Croatia sent their winger Brian Adlam, himself a former Gloucester City player back to England late last year with the purpose of lining up the two players in question who at that time were still registered with the English side.

Croatia through their secretary Frank Burin deny the allegations and state that the two players concerned, Geoff Pelland and Ray Wixey a fullback, were signed and cleared through the ASF in the normal manner.

Burin also states that the suggestion the club sent back Brian Adlam on a special mission to "get" the two players is wholly incorrect.

Adlam went back on his own accord, paid his own fares and not surprisingly paid his old club a visit and

was in fact feted by them in their club-rooms.

Croatia had also given Adlam permission to rejoin his former club if he had wished to stay in England.

The trouble seems to have centred round goalie Pelland who only stayed here in Australia for a very short period, never appearing in the Croatia first team, then left Australia and only notified Croatia by letter after he was well on his way home.

Croatia granted an unconditional clearance to Pelland and evidently the fact that the player signed for Cheltenham (Gloucester's next door neighbours) on his return home riled his former side into taking action against Croatia.

Wixey who is still with Croatia has not so far appeared in their first team either.

AUST. RESULTS, TABLES

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Polonia 1 (Gadjia) v. Alexander 0; Hakoah v. Wilhelmmina 0-0; JUST 3 (Buljevic, Zoraja, Mihajlovic) v. Slavia 1 (Kraus); Lions 1 (Bedford own goal) v. SM-Hellas 0; Croatia 3 (J. Mackay 2, Glaser 1, George Cross 2 (McCallum 2); Juventus 1 (Closs) v. Melbourne-HSC 1 (Pocock).

VICTORIAN TABLE

Croatia	12	2	4	33	15	26
Polonia	9	6	3	24	16	24
Hakoah	9	5	4	28	17	23
Wilhelmina	8	6	4	30	22	22
Lions	6	6	6	22	20	18
George Cross	6	5	7	31	26	17
Slavia	5	5	8	25	25	15
Juventus	4	7	7	21	34	15
Alexander	5	4	9	26	39	14
JUST	5	2	11	24	34	12
Melbourne-HSC	8	6	9	18	30	12

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Slavia v. Lions at Olympic Park, Juventus v. Hakoah at St. Kilda, SM Hellas v. Melbourne at Middle Park.

Sunday: Alexander v. JUST at Olympic Park, Wilhelmmina v. Croatia at Ringwood, Polonia v. George Cross at Maribyrnong.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Cumberland 1 (Donaldson, penalty) v. Juventus 3 (Serafini, Lavelle, Zampogno), Beograd 1 (Temelković) v. Croatia 2 (Mapstone, Parsons (t.o.g.), WA Hellas 5 (Pantelis 4, Birch) v. Victoria 0, Elizabeth City 2 (Wright, Waddilow, penalty) v. Austria 3 (Peterson 3), Polonia 1 (H. Kolecki).

S A TABLE

Hellas	12	1	2	49	15	25
Lions	9	3	3	27	10	21
Polonia	9	3	3	26	16	21
Juventus	8	3	4	26	12	19
Beograd	7	3	5	27	22	17
Croatia	7	3	5	19	16	17
Victoria	5	4	6	19	22	14
Austria	3	3	6	16	31	9
Elizabeth	2	1	12	11	37	5
Cumberland	—	2	13	11	51	2

S.A. PROGRAM

Polonia v. WA Hellas — Croydon Park, Victoria v. Beograd — Rushworth Reserve, Croatia v. Cumberland — Hanson Reserve, Juventus v. Elizabeth City — Olympic Sports Field, USC Lion v. Austria — Hindmarsh Stadium.

INTERSTATE SCORES

Tasmania: Olympia v. Juventus 4-2, University v. South Hobart 1-1, Eagles v. Rapids 5-7.

North: (Nielsen Cup): Ulverstone v. Devonport 11-3, Spartans v. Rovers 6-0.

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Second Division: Malta v. Azzurri 2-2, Budapest v. Campbelltown 5-0, Port Adelaide v. Para Hills 1-1, Don v. Birkalla 1-4, Sturt v. Windsor 1-1.

Newcastle: New Lambton v. Toronto 4-2, Lake Macquarie v. Weston 0-0, Newcastle Austral v. Belmont-Swansea 4-3, Wallsend v. Hamilton-Azzurri 2-0, Adamstown v. West Wallsend 3-1.

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GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
gue	16	—	3	54	16	32
APIA	12	3	4	45	27	27
SCU	12	2	5	50	23	26
St. George	12	1	6	45	28	25
Croatia	10	4	5	35	27	24
Hakoah	10	2	7	33	22	22
Melita Eagles	9	—	10	42	46	18
Pan Hellenic	8	1	10	35	34	17
Polonia	5	4	10	37	49	14
Canterbury	5	1	13	27	66	11
Manly	4	2	13	32	48	10
Yugal	1	—	18	9	62	2

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	2	3	62	18	30
Croatia	12	4	3	44	19	28
St. George	12	4	3	35	21	28
SCU	9	4	6	37	23	22
Pan Hellenic	8	5	6	22	16	21
Hakoah	9	2	8	31	30	20
Canterbury	8	4	7	28	32	20
Yugal	5	8	6	32	35	14
Melita Eagles	6	3	10	33	44	15
APIA	6	2	11	23	35	14
Manly	3	3	13	26	42	9
Polonia	1	1	17	17	56	3

SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	15	1	3	57	24	31
Auburn	13	4	2	48	17	30
Bankstown	14	1	4	49	20	29
Sutherland	11	3	5	39	35	25
Balgownie	9	5	5	35	21	23
Marconi	9	4	6	34	18	22
Granville	7	3	9	41	49	17
NS-Inter	6	4	2	33	47	16
N. Bankstown	5	2	12	32	51	12
Corinthians	4	2	13	16	41	10
Lane Cove	3	1	15	20	55	6
Hornsby-NE	1	4	14	30	52	6

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	16	2	1	64	11	34
Balgownie	13	2	4	54	18	28
Bankstown	12	3	4	65	25	27
Sutherland	12	2	5	48	28	25
Marconi	10	3	6	33	36	23
Auburn	8	5	6	50	28	21
Hornsby-NE	9	1	9	34	38	19
Granville	7	3	9	46	47	17
Lane Cove	5	2	12	21	69	12
N. Bankstown	3	5	11	26	44	11
Corinthians	2	2	15	17	56	6
NS-Inter	1	2	16	23	93	4

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	18	—	1	86	12	36
Western Subs.	16	2	1	88	15	34
Sutherland	12	4	3	73	25	28
Granville	11	4	4	50	34	26
N. Bankstown	11	2	6	45	27	24
Balgownie	9	2	8	33	32	20
Auburn	7	2	10	45	46	16
Hornsby-NE	6	2	11	28	38	14
Lane Cove	4	3	12	26	64	11
Marconi	4	1	14	13	54	9
Corinthians	2	3	14	18	112	7
NS-Inter	1	1	17	20	67	3

INTER-SUBURBAN
FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Artemon	10	1	5	60	20	29
Wenty	14	1	5	56	26	29
Thistle	12	3	5	56	26	27
Marrickville	10	7	3	52	25	27
South Sydney	11	5	4	35	21	27
Concordia	10	6	4	54	28	26
East Side-MTK	10	2	8	56	38	22
Belmore	4	9	6	35	41	17
Blacktown	5	1	14	29	80	11
Lidcombe	4	2	14	23	68	10
NSW Uni.	3	3	13	24	58	9
Ryde	1	2	16	14	63	4

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Guildford	16	1	3	73	17	33
Rapid	16	—	4	71	32	32
Emore	14	3	3	80	23	31
Warrington	12	4	4	56	26	31
Yagoona	9	5	6	40	33	23
Auburn	10	—	10	39	42	20
Arncliffe Scots	7	3	10	30	36	17
St. Marys	8	1	10	41	55	17
Kewpies	6	2	12	34	41	14
Penrith	3	5	12	37	66	11
Sydney Uni.	3	4	13	29	56	10
Gymea	1	—	18	17	120	2

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rovers	12	1	2	67	16	25
Condell Park	11	1	3	51	19	23
All Stars	8	3	4	38	27	19
G'ville-H'by	6	4	4	30	21	16
Dee Why	6	4	5	36	32	16
Revesby	7	—	8	37	39	14
West Ryde	4	3	8	28	37	11
F'ield-Kiev	1	3	10	23	63	5
Greenacre	1	1	12	21	77	3

FOURTH DIVISION